

City of Rockville Environment Commission
Watersheds Committee (WC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 22, 2011
Blue Crab Room, Rockville City Hall
7:15 pm

Meeting Attendance: Anne Goodman, Nancy Laurson, Alicia Hosmer, Tina Carter, Julie Palakovich-Carr, Environmental Management staff member Lise Soukup.

1. Environment Commission (EC) Report:

- Julie Palakovich-Carr reported:
 - Commission has changed its date for its stream cleanup from April 9 to April 30, 9:30, at Maryvale Park – meet at picnic shelter
 - Commission will have a booth at Rockville Science Day. Needed volunteer to staff from 3:30-5:30 – Alicia Hosmer volunteered to cover this.
 - Commission started to review nominations for the environmental excellence award. Award winners will be presented with their award during Earth Month celebrations.
 - The Montgomery County Public Schools has proposed to terminate its outdoor and environmental education program in FY 2012. The Commission is monitoring the issue.
 - Glenview Mansion may be designated as a historic landmark under the City's historic preservation program.
 - Rockville is currently participating in the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Challenge. The City is currently ranked 11th nationally for total kilowatts of green energy used.

2. Environmental Mgmt. Division Report:

- Lise Soukup reported:
 - SOS Stream Monitoring is planned for April 3 (Rock Creek – has 10 volunteers already) and April 16 (Cabin John Creek and Watts Branch – need volunteers).
 - Adopt-A-Stream cleanups are planned throughout the City for April 9 through Alice Ferguson Foundation. **(Post- meeting follow-up: EMD staff directed several groups to the Environment Commission's cleanup, but for the original April 9 date. These volunteers will clean up Maryvale Park on April 9, and the Environment Commission will schedule a cleanup for April 30.)**
 - EMD workshops on March 19-20 have been well attended. Rain Barrel workshop had 25 participants and Conservation Landscaping workshop had 18 participants.
 - Notices distributed for a free Go Green Lecture on Home Renewable Energy; and Croyden Creek Nature Center's upcoming Spring Festival, which will include native plant and rain barrel sales.
 - The Watersheds Committee Goals for 2011 were distributed for final comment.

3. Discussion: Draft Final Report for Cabin John Creek Watershed Study

Lise Soukup, Environmental Engineer reported:

- KCI's draft study needs extensive revisions. EMD staff are working on these now. Planned schedule is:
 - April 1 – Staff returns comments for revisions to KCI
 - April 13 – KCI submits revised draft incorporating all changes. Staff may make or direct final edits to this second draft.
 - April 25 – Final draft report is posted on City website and distributed to Watershed Committee & Environment Commission members for review and comment.
 - May – Environment Commission invited to submit recommendation about study to Mayor & Council.
 - June 6 – Mayor & Council work session – present study findings & recommendations. At their discretion, M&C may either approve study that night, or direct staff to return at a later meeting for further discussion or final approval.
- Watershed Committee members should continue to review this first draft and submit comments via email to Lise Soukup by March 30. Staff will handle wordsmithing and organization, so most useful comments are about content, and suggestions to make analysis, findings and recommendations clearer.

5. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

5. Next Steps:

Please review the draft report for Cabin John Creek Watershed Study and submit any suggestions for revision to Lise Soukup by March 30. If you are new to the Watersheds Committee and would like to be included in the discussion for the April meeting please contact Amanda Matheny at amatheny@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8877.

The next Watersheds Committee meeting is scheduled for
**Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 7:15 pm in the Blue Crab conference room at
Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.**